PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of Junichi UENO Group Art Unit: 3727

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For: WAFER-HOLDING CARRIER, DOUBLE-SIDE POLISHING APPARATUS USING

THE SAME, AND DOUBLE-SIDE POLISHING METHOD OF WAFER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached.

The attached PTO-1449 identifies a Korean Office Action, and its partial English-language translation, issued in a corresponding foreign application. The references cited in the Korean Office Action (Cited Inventions 1-3: JP-A-10-202511, JP-A-2000-271858, and JP-A-2001-105303, respectively) were previously submitted (with an English language Abstract and machine translation) for consideration and thus are already of record in this application.

On November 11, 2010, within three months of the mailing date of the Korean Office Action, the Applicant attempted to mail a copy of the Korean Office Action and its partial English-language translation to the undersigned U.S. Patent Practitioners. However, the documents did not reach the U.S. Patent Practitioners until March 9 due to an apparent postal service error. It was promptly submitted after communication with the Applicant in Japan regarding the source of the delay. Thus, the submission of the Korean Office Action and its English-language partial translation to the PTO was delayed without any deceptive intent.

Applicant respectfully submits that a bona fide attempt was made to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and thus, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(f), the information should be considered by the Patent Office.

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